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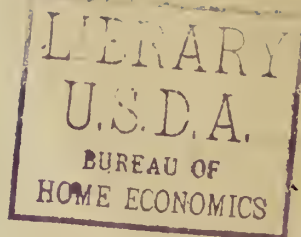
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Bureau of Home Economics  
Division of Textiles and Clothing



Study of Children's Clothing in the United States  
Supplementary Notes to Record Blank

The object of this study is to learn the weight and the items of clothing worn by healthy children under two years of age in various sections of this country during typical winter and summer months (January or February and June or July). It is part of a larger project which has been undertaken with a view to setting up standards for children's clothing under different climatic conditions.

The study is being made and will be published as a cooperative project by various colleges and this bureau. The report blanks should be filled in at the time the weighings are made and returned in their original form to the Bureau of Home Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

The person making the weighings may copy the results and use them as she desires, the understanding being that they shall not be published before the publication of the entire project.

Caution: Only the weight of normal healthy children should be included in this report. The weighings and articles recorded must be of clothing worn by the child at the particular time the information is being gathered and not of any other items it may have in its wardrobe. It is important that the outdoor and indoor temperatures for which the child was clothed at that time should be reported. All scales used should be tested and the weights recorded as pounds and ounces.

Heading

The "Place where weighed" may be college, clinic, or home. The weight of the child should be taken without clothing and on the same day as the clothing weights.

Section I

"Outer garments" refers to the clothing added when the child is taken outdoors. As close an estimate as possible should be made of the fibers used and the material. For young children, blankets frequently serve as outer garments as much as coats or capes, but they are to be weighed separately. In taking the weights include only those blankets which are wrapped directly about the child.

Section II

"Indoor garments" refers to the clothing worn normally by the child indoors at home. If they are weighed away from home, see that no additional indoor garments are included for appearance or warmth. If for warmth list, weigh, and report separately on back of blank. In the first column under the heading "Mark articles worn" give the number if more than one article of the kind is worn. The "Weight of indoor garments" should include all the clothing worn indoors with the exception of the diaper, rubber pants, and shoes or booties.

Section III

The size of the diaper should be measured with a yard stick to insure accuracy. A singledry diaper should be weighed.

Section V

The weather report of the day the weighings are taken can be obtained at the end of the entire study from the nearest station of the Weather Bureau.

Section VI

Question number 3 refers to coverings which may be used indoors almost continuously around or over a lightly clad infant. List quilts and blankets, stating composition, i.e. cotton, wool, silk, or combinations of these. Question number 4 might include such answers as:- very poor, underclothed; Russian, very heavily clothed; wealthy, scantily clothed.

